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SUBJ: NARCOTICS COORDINATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION

1. BNDD SA BURKE AND EMBASSY SCIATT, TECH, MET 5/29/73 WITH SOVIET MAIN CUSTOMS DEPUTY CHIEFS, EDVARD G. IVANOV AND VIKTOR G. KALANTAROV AND AN UNIDENTIFIED THIRD OFFICER. THE SOVIET S WERE BRIEFED RELATIVE TO METHODS, ROUTES AND PERSONS INVOLVED IN TRANSIT SHIPMENTS OF DRUGS FROM AFGHANISTAN TO EUROPE AND U. S. VIA USSR. BRIEFING SUPPLEMENTED WRITTEN MATERIAL LEFT EARLIER FOR OVANOV (COPIES OF MATERIAL POUCHED TO SECSTATE, BNDD AND BNDD, ANKARA).

2. IVANOV WAS INFORMED OF BASIC NECESSITY OF IDENTIFYING A QUALIFIED COUNTERPART TO BNDD IN SOVIET EMBASSY, KABUL. TYPE OF COOPERATION WHICH COULD STEM FROM LIAISON NOTED AS: EXCHANGE OF NAME TRACE DATA, REVIEW OF AEROFLOT WAYBILLS FOR SUSPECT SHIPMENTS, ALERTS TO A) TRAVEL OF SUSPECT SMUGGLERS AND B) TO SUSPECT SHIPMENTS. LIAISON WOULD BE EXPECTED IN -
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CLUDE FEEDBACK FROM SOVIETS RE RESULTS THEIR INSECTION AND SURVEILLANCE OF SUSPECTS. IT WAS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT SOVIET CUSTOMS INITIATE INFORMANT PROGRAM ON AFGHAN/ SOVIET BORDER TO IDENTIFY SUSPECT SHIPMENTS. RESULTS WOULD BE SHARED WITH BNDD.

3. BNDD ORGANIZATION AND OPS WERE BRIEFLY REVIEWED AND IVANOV WAS PROVIDED COPY OF BNDD ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1972. BNDD FOREIGN TRAINING PROGRAM WAS EXPLAINED AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT BOTH GOVTS GIVE CONSIDERATION TO BNDD PROVIDING INTRODUCTORY NARCOTICS TRAINING TO SOVIETS.

4. IVANOV AND KALANTAROV RECEIVED BRIEFING AND MATERIAL WITH OBVIOUS INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM. IVANOV NOTED THAT USSR NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF TRANSIT TRAFFICKING PROBLEM, BUT WOULD NOW EXPLORE IT THOROUGHLY. HE PROMISED TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS QUALIFIED COUNTERPART IN SOVIET EMBASSY, KABUL AND TO DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM IF THERE WAS NOT. UNTIL THERE WAS, HE REQUESTED THAT BNDD, KABUL PASS ANY INFO TO HIM VIA AMEMBASSY, MOSCOW IN ORDER AVOID IT BECOMING LOST IN MFA. IVANOV SAID THAT BNDD INFO WOULD BE GREATLY WELCOMED BY HIS GOVT IN VIEW THEIR OWN DEVELOPING PROBLEM WITH NARCOTICS. HE PROMISED ACTION IN INVESTIGATING SUSPECTS AND SUSPECT SHIPMENTS IDENTIFIED BY BNDD AND AGREED FURNISH RESULTS OF THOSE INVESTIGATIONS.

5. IVANOV SAID EH NEEDED FEW DAYS TO ABSORB BNDD INFO AND TO CONSULT WITH SUPERIORS RE QUESTIONS OF COUNTERPART/ TRAINING, ETC., BUT PROMISED AN EARLY WRITTEN RESPONSE.

6. COMMENT: WHILE IVANOV' S RESPONSE AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THE IDEAS PRESENTED WAS WELCOME, THERE ARE TWO FACTORS WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED : A) IVANOV' S STRENGTH WITHIN HIS OWN BUEAU- CRACY IS NOT KNOWN AND IT WILL BE UP TO HIM TO CARRY HIS ENTHUSIASM TO HIS SUPERIORS. B) IVANOV HIMSELF NOTED THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT IS FRAGMENTED WITHIN USSR BUREAUS AND COORDINATION IS DIFFICULT. WE HAVE PUT OUR MESSAGE ACCROSS, HOWEVER, AND THE NEXT MOVE WILL BE THEIRS.) DUBS

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